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Dear Bernie:

I don't know whether I'll see you in Chicago this weekend, but I thought I'd better write concerning the "Bacterial Genetics Course" at Caltech. Beadle has probably already written you something about it. When I received your letter, I had already begun correspondence with Berkeley about visiting Cal next summer. Beadle wrote nothing for some time, and in the interval, arrangements were practically completed. I just wrote to Cal that I would accept a visiting appointment which would run from August 1 through the middle of September. Under the circumstances, it is very doubtful that I will be able to participate in your proposed course this summer, even if it were held early. However, I hope to see Beadle in a few weeks, and will discuss it in detail with him. If the course is going to be repeated in 1951, I think that I will be glad to go in on it.

Thanks for sending the mutants: there was more there than I could use. No information on them yet. I do think that we have picked up another crossing strain of *E. coli*, and a couple of *Salmonella* species likewise.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

That was a very interesting paper in *Experientia* (Lu showed me MS).